[21st February 1934

Fisheries

Restrictions on fishing in the Adyar.

* 664 *Q.*—Rao Sahib V. DHARMALINGAM PILLAI: With reference to copies of petitions submitted by Adi-Dravida fishermen of Adyar which were placed on the table of this House on the 4th November 1933, in reply to question No. 343 of November 1933, will the Hon. the Minister for Education and Excise be pleased—

(1) to place on the table of the House the reports received from the local officers on which the prohibition of fishing with certain size of nets was ordered as per Development Department No. 137, dated 13th April 1931, and that on which the Government Memorandum No. 2628 U/31-5, dated 22nd December 1932, cancelling the previous order was issued; and

(2) to state—

(*a*) whether the Commissioner of Labour was consulted in the matter, and

(*b*) what the economic condition is of the fishermen petitioners?

A.—(1) The Government do not consider it necessary or desirable to place the reports on the table of the House.

(2) (*a*) No.

(*b*) Nothing special.

UNSTARRED QUESTIONS

Police

Preferential treatment to Viswabrahmanas in the matter of recruitment to the subordinate ranks of the police.

665 *Q.*—Rao Sahib Pandit GANALA RAMAMURTI: Will the Hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any memorials have been received since 1931, either by the Government or by the Inspector-General of Police asking for special treatment being accorded to the members of the Viswabrahman community with regard to the lower and subordinate ranks of the Police department; and

(*b*) whether the Government have taken any steps to encourage members of this community to join the Police service in large numbers?

A.—(*a*) No.

(*b*) Viswabrahmanas are included among non-Brahmans for purposes of recruitment to the Public Service. The principle that the various communities in the Presidency should, as far as possible, be represented in the public service is kept in view in making appointments in the police department. No special steps have been taken to encourage Viswabrahmanas to join the police service.